THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Agricultural commodities cover a wide spectrum of items like oilcakes, rice, tea, coffee, cotton, spices, cashew, tobacco, fruits and vegetables, meat and meat products, etc. These are in demand in varying degrees in different countries. Europe, USA and West Asia are the major markets for India's agricultural commodities.

The export projections for agro-exports at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) is Rs. 12,064 crores at 1991-92 prices.

(d) and (e) Lack of infrastructural facilities (like air cargo facilities not keeping pace, inadequate shipping facilities), high air freight rates and lack of vapour treatment facilities are the major hurdles in fully exploiting the potential for exports of agricultural commodities. A programme has been drawn up for upgrading the infrastructural facilities during the Eighth Plan period, to be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture. On the export of fresh fruits, air freight subsidy was also made available on a selective basis during 1993-94.

**Countries Importing Sports Goods from India**

6268. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major countries importing Sports Goods from India alongwith name and value of sports items mainly imported by them during the last three years;

(b) whether dwindling export of traditional items like footballs etc. from India which was at its peak during the decades from 1970 to 1980 has again lately started picking up and if so, details thereof;

(c) what varieties of leather are being used in manufacturing footballs for export and which of these varieties are most popular in International Market;

(d) whether Government propose to further strengthen Sports Goods Export Promotion Council for boosting exports of this labour intensive industry and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) whether Government propose to ask the Council to drop its precondition of a minimum domestic sale of Rs. 20,000/- or export sale worth Rs. 50,000/- to encourage new exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Major sports goods importing countries from India are UK, Australia, Germany, France, Holland and New Zealand. Itemwise, countrywise imports of sports goods by these countries during the last three years is attached at Statement I. (*See* below).

(b) Yes Sir. Export of traditional items like footballs etc. has been showing consistant growth over the last 5 years. A detail are at statement II. (*See* below).

(c) Polyurthane (PU), leather, natural leather are being used for the manufacture of footballs. PU leather is the most popular variety in the international market.

(d) The Sports Goods Export Promotion Council is a guarantee institution under this Ministry. Grants are given from the MDA for publicity, participating in fair/exhibitions abroad etc. The Government is also helping the industry in importing raw material for the sports goods industry through the Government agencies like STC.

(e) No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

**Statement-I**

*Itemwise Imports of Sports Goods by major Countries*

(Value in lakhs of Rupees)

| | 1990-91 | 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. *U.K.* | | | |
| a. Inflatable Balls | 548.30 | 861.06 | 1200.62 |
| b. Hockey Sticks | 77.84 | 56 87 | 92.10 |
| c. Protective Equipment for Hockey | 59.47 | 46 95 | 47.98 |
| d. Cricket Bats | 66.21 | 132 79 | 199.54 |
| e. Cricket & Hockey Balls | 149.19 | 139.13 | 175.95 |
| f. Protective Equipment for Cricket | 398.02 | 513.32 | 61 0.31 |
| g. Boxing Equipment | 121.38 | 125.71 | 135.17 |
| 2. *Australia* | | | |
| a. Inflatable Balls | 277.85 | 478.32 | 682.78 |
| b. Hockey Sticks | 45 94 | 28.99 | 35.04 |
| c. Protective Equipment for Hockey | 26.57 | 41.89 | 27.00 |
| d. Cricket Bats | 149.66 | 151.94 | 2416.00 |
| e. Cricket & Hockey Balls | 33.41 | 52.03 | 82.07 |
| f. Protective Eqp. for Cricket | 293.26 | 285.76 | 393.84 |
| g. Boxing Equipment | 28.35 | 57.81 | 78.06 |
| 3. *Germany :* | | | |
| a. Inflatable Balls | 245.25 | 273.81 | 502.60 |
| b. Hockey Sticks | 9.94 | 21.27 | 24.64 |
| c. Prot. Eqp. for Hockey | 12.03 | 6.58 | 10.15 |
| d. Cricket Bats | 1.11 | .. | 1.70 |
| e. Cricket & Hockey Balls | 0.55 | 1.46 | 2.77 |
| f. Protective Eqp. for Cricket | 0.52 | 0.62 | 0.95 |
| g. Boxing Equipment | 8.30 | 13.18 | 17.52 |

| | 1990-91 | 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. *U.S.A.* : | | | |
| a. Inflatable balls | 58.59 | 96.10 | 103.00 |
| b. Hockey sticks | 2.74 | 6.27 | 15.95 |
| c. Protective eqp. for Hockey | 11.57 | 19a52 | 30.05 |
| d. Cricket bats | 0.58 | 1.50 | 0.42 |
| e. Cricket and Hockey balls | 1.58 | 2.64 | 7.50 |
| f. Protective eqp. for Cricket | 0.97 | 1.67 | 3.16 |
| g. Boxing equipment | 34.45 | 62.78 | 76.14 |
| 5. *France* : | | | |
| a. Inflatable balls | 130.25 | 202.70 | 324.52 |
| b. Hockey sticks | .. | 0.99 | 2.74 |
| c. Protective eqp. for Hockey | 0.52 | 0.74 | 1.44 |
| d. Cricket bats | .. | 0.17 | .. |
| e. Cricket and Hockey balls | 0.34 | 0.05 | 0.70 |
| f. Protective eqp. for Cricket | .. | .. | .. |
| g. Boxing equipment | 11.96 | 35.66 | 49.34 |
| 6. *Holland* : | | | |
| a. Inflatable balls | 90.06 | 75.11 | 134.57 |
| b. Hockey sticks | 27.97 | 18.99 | 14.58 |
| c. Protective eqp. for Hockey | 31.13 | 39.75 | 48.28 |
| d. Cricket bats | 0.01 | .. | 0.24 |
| e. Cricket and Hockey balls | 0.38 | 0.01 | .. |
| f. Protective eqp. for Cricket | .. | .. | .. |
| g. Boxing equipment | 11.33 | 13.19 | 4.63 |
| 7. *New Zealand* : | | | |
| a. Inflatable balls | 55.16 | 156.79 | 139.67 |
| b. Hockey sticks | 2.79 | 5.26 | 12.91 |
| c. Protective eqp. for Hockey | 1.27 | 2.68 | 2.28 |
| d. Cricket bats | 7.82 | 25.73 | 44.59 |
| e. Cricket and Hockey balls | 4.92 | 8.83 | 12.11 |
| f. Protective eqp. for Cricket | 20.18 | 33.97 | 57.44 |
| g. Boxing equipment | 5.21 | 4.83 | 7.78 |

**Statement-II**

(Value in lakhs of Rupees)

| Years | Inflatable Balls | Hockey Sticks | Protective eqp. for Hk. | Cricket Bats | Protective eqp. for Cricket | Cricket & Hockey Balls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1988-89 . . . . | 1391.06 | 201.34 | 135.17 | 167.63 | 534.72 | 182.67 |
| 1989-90 . . . . | 2233.62 | 206.91 | 163.21 | 199.45 | 682.81 | 206.09 |
| 1990-91 . . . . | 2354.61 | 219.22 | 161.12 | 244.02 | 752.54 | 224.70 |
| 1991-92 . . . . | 2613.48 | 186.63 | 176.27 | 337.55 | 899.94 | 239.00 |
| 1992-93 . . . . | 3656.38 | 265.84 | 214.37 | 519.65 | 1144.20 | 324.88 |

**निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये "एक्स्टरीम फोकस सेक्टर" के अन्तर्गत वस्तुओं का अभिनिर्धारण**

**6269. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने हेतु "एक्सटरीम फोकस सैक्टर" के अन्तर्गत 34 वस्तुयें अभिनिर्धारित की हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी वस्तुओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(ग) क्या प्रतिवर्ष इन वस्तुओं के मूल्य के रूप में 30 प्रतिशत निर्यात का उद्देश्य संतोषजनक ढंग से प्राप्त किया जा रहा है और इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) :** (क) और (ख) निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये सरकार ने जिन 34 मदों को अत्यधिक ध्यान देने योग्य उत्पाद के रूप में अभिज्ञात किया है वे ये हैं—कृषि, कृषि-रसायन, आटो संघटक, साईकिल और उसके पुर्जे, सीमेंट, पूर्ण वाहन, औषधि एवं भेषज, रंग-रोगन एवं माध्यमिक उत्पाद, विद्युत उत्पादन एवं वितरण उपकरण, पुष्प उत्पाद, फुट वियर, ताजे फल, स्वर्ण आभूषण, ग्रेनाइट, हाथ के औजार, आई०सी० इंजन एवं उसके कल पुर्जे, औद्योगिक धुलाई एवं गढ़ाई, टमाटर पेस्ट उत्पाद, उष्ण कटिन्बधीय फलों का रस, लुगदी एवं सांद्रण, संरक्षित कुकुर-मुत्ता, सिले-सिलाये वस्त्र, चावल, साफ्टवेयर पैकेज, सिस्टम साफ्टवेयर, नेट वर्क, सी ए डी/ सी ए एम, मसाले, चीनी, शीरा, ऐल्कोहॉल जिसमें इथाइल एल्कोहॉल, शुगर मशीनरी, सिथेन्टिक एवं मानव निर्मित वस्त्र एवं टायर शामिल हैं ।

(ग) अत्यधिक ध्यान देने योग्य उत्पादों जैसे—कम्प्यूटर साफ्टवेयर, विद्युत उत्पादन एवं वितरण उपकरण, चीनी मशीनरी, सीमेंट, मसालों, फल लुगदी एवं सांद्रण के निर्यात में वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान 20.4% की उच्च वृद्धि दर्शाई गयी है । अप्रैल–दिसम्बर, 1993 के अद्यतन उपलब्ध आंकड़ों के अनुसार 30% से अधिक वृद्धि दर्ज हुई है । अत्यधिक ध्यान देने योग्य उत्पादों की निर्यात वृद्धि पर निरन्तर निगरानी रखी जा रही है ।

**Two Way Trade between India and Taiwan**

6270. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to evoke a new strategy